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Mercury Office
Lancaster
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Dear Padre

I have given the
application for the patent a
great deal of thought since I
returned and am now
fully persuaded that it will
be better to go on as it is,
if there is no opposition and
some assurance that the patent
will be granted. I am the
more persuaded to adopt
this course as it is the one
which Penrose advised in
his last letter, and the one
I felt it advisable to take
after hearing of Benjafield's

experiments. These experiments
I have heard are being
carried further, and there
can be very little doubt that
he would prove an obstacle
if we had to commence again

Will you please not
trouble McIntyre any further
and take the necessary steps
for securing a patent under
the present application on
Wednesday next. Let McIntyre
see and as soon as it is
over forward the results of our
own test to William Peacock
who will send Chicago.

Give me the results of the application
on Wednesday and I will
write to G Peacock & William

wherever they may be.

This is my final decision
whatever you lawyers may
find out or have to say,
for I am certain that
we need to meeting sooner
rather than avoiding it
by renewing the application

Yours very faithfully
J. O. B. B. B.